

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims to read as indicated:

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1. (Amended) A filter bag for oral administration of medication comprising:
a first compartment containing a therapeutically effective amount of at least one medicinal agent; and
a second compartment containing a beverage concentrate for infusion in a liquid;
wherein the compartments are formed of at least one sheet of porous material affixed together along margins to create sealed edges;
wherein edges of the first and second compartments are connected to each other; and
wherein the at least one medicinal agent is applied to the at least one sheet of porous material within the first compartment.

2. (Amended) The filter bag of claim 1, wherein the at least one medicinal agent is selected from the group consisting of a pharmaceutical active, a supplemental nutrient, a genetically derived material, a beneficial agent, and a combination thereof.

6. (Amended) The filter bag of claim 1, wherein the filter bag is adapted for use in cold or hot liquids.

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7. (Amended) The filter bag of claim 1, wherein the agent is adapted to solubilize when in contact with the liquid.

8. (Amended) The filter bag of claim 7, wherein the agent is adapted to be dispersable in a predetermined dosage amount into the liquid.

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13. (Amended) The filter bag of claim 12, wherein the gelatin is dissolvable when in contact with the liquid to release the at least one medicinal agent into the liquid.

A4 16. (Amended) The filter bag of claim 1, wherein the at least one medicinal agent is present in a mixture comprising a degradable material adapted to provide a prolonged shelf life for the medicament.

Please add the following claims:

26. (New) A filter bag for oral administration of medicament comprising:
at least one sheet of porous material forming a sealed bag comprising first and second compartments disposed in side by side relation to one another;
a beverage concentrate disposed in one of the compartments; and
a therapeutically effective amount of at least one medicinal agent disposed on the porous material.

27. (New) The filter bag of claim 26, wherein the at least one medicinal agent comprises a coating on the porous material forming one of the compartments.

A5 28. (New) The filter bag of claim 27, wherein the compartment provided with the beverage concentrate does not include the coating.

29. (New) The filter bag of claim 27, wherein the coating is disposed on an outer surface of the filter bag.

30. (New) The filter bag of claim 27, further comprising a drug releasing layer wherein the at least one medicinal agent is disposed between the at least one sheet of porous material and the drug releasing layer.

31. (New) The filter bag of claim 26, further comprising at least one enzymatically active material.

32. (New) The filter bag of claim 26, further comprising a temperature releasing agent.

33. (New) The filter bag of claim 26, further comprising a flavor producing or reducing agent.

34. (New) The filter bag of claim 26, wherein the at least one sheet of porous material is selected from the group consisting of reinforced paper, knitted material, woven material, fibrous material, and a combination thereof.

35. (New) The filter bag of claim 26, wherein the beverage concentrate comprises tea concentrate.

36. (New) A filter bag for oral administration of medicament comprising:
at least one sheet of porous material forming a sealed bag comprising a first compartment containing a therapeutically effective amount of at least one medicinal agent and a second compartment containing a beverage concentrate for infusion in a liquid;
wherein the compartments are separated from each other by a seamed portion of the at least one sheet of porous material.

37. (New) A filter bag for oral administration of medicament comprising:
at least one sheet of porous material forming a sealed bag comprising a coating of a therapeutically effective amount of at least one medicinal agent and a beverage concentrate;
wherein the at least one medicinal agent is selected from the group consisting of a pharmaceutical active, a supplemental nutrient, a genetically derived material, a beneficial agent, and a combination thereof.

Please cancel claims 20-25.

Remarks

Claims 1-19 and 26-37 are pending in this application, including amended claims 1, 2, 6-8, 13 and 16 and new claims 26-37. Claims 20-25 have been canceled.

The Office Action states on page 2 that "[r]eceipt of request for reconsideration, dated 10-21-01 and second supplemental IDS with attachment, dated 1-17-03 is acknowledged." To correct the record, Applicant respectfully submits that a request for reconsideration was not filed in connection with the present application on October 21, 2001.

The Office Action further provides a "Summary of the Invention" on page 2. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is to be defined by the claims. Thus, Applicant hereby states for the record that the Summary provided in the Office Action should not form any basis for an estoppel.